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SUPER DIDDY

Painting Competition!

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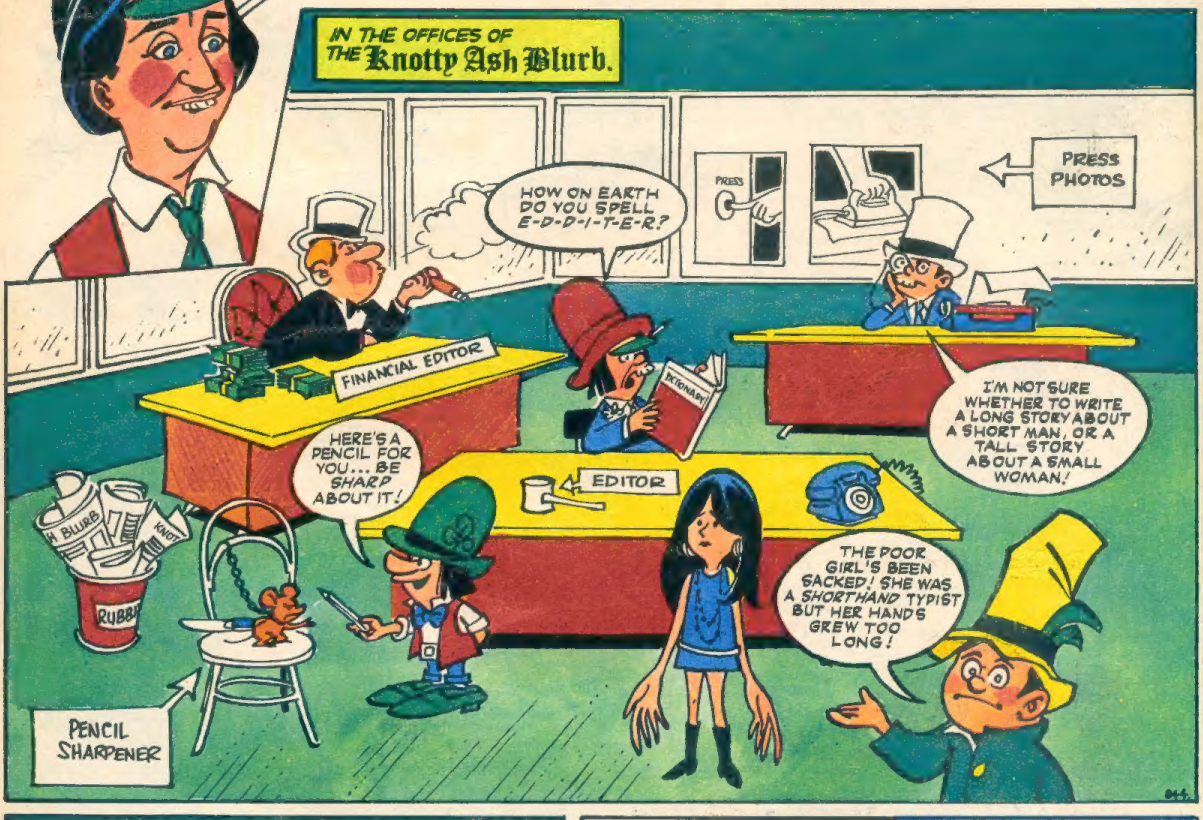
Ken Dodd's DIDDYMEN


IN THE OFFICES OF THE Knotty Ash Blurb.
HOW ON EARTH DO YOU SPELL E-D-D-I-T-E-R?
PRESS
PRESS PHOTOS
FINANCIAL EDITOR
DICTIONARY
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER TO WRITE A LONG STORY ABOUT A SHORT MAN, OR A TALL STORY ABOUT A SMALL WOMAN!
HERE'S A PENCIL FOR YOU... BE SHARP ABOUT IT!
EDITOR
THE POOR GIRL'S BEEN SACKED! SHE WAS A SHORTHAND TYPIST BUT HER HANDS GREW TOO LONG!
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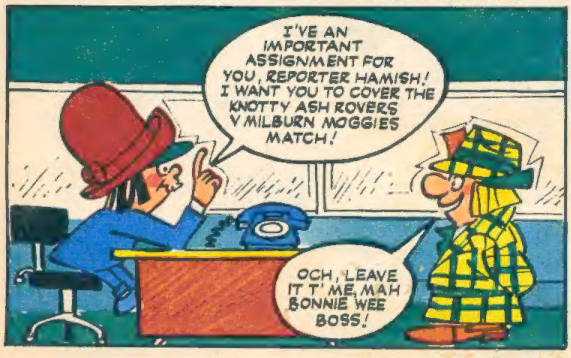
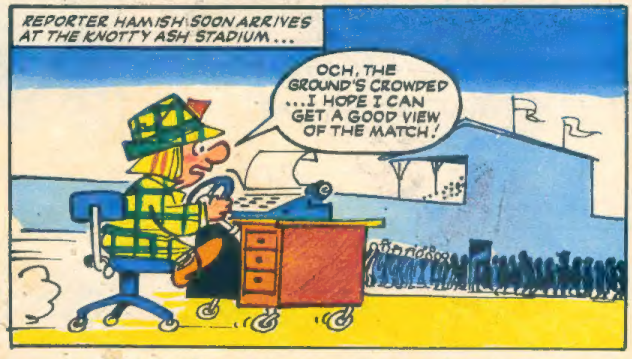

I'VE AN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT FOR YOU, REPORTER HAMISH! I WANT YOU TO COVER THE KNOTTY ASH ROVERS V MILBURN MOGGIES MATCH!
OCH, LEAVE IT T' ME, MAH BONNIE WEE BOSS!



We are happy to report more laughs on page 2.

SO AT HALF-TIME...
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST FOR PUTTING TOO MUCH VANILLA IN YOUR NEAPOLITANS!
AHA! THAT ICE CREAM CART WOULD BE A GOOD SPOT TO REPORT ON THE MATCH!

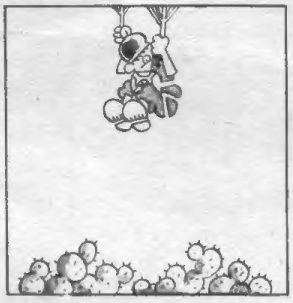
OCH, KNOTTY ASH ARE ALL OVER THE MILBURN MOGGIES... THIS WILL MAKE GREAT READING!
HUH! THIS REPORTER NEEDS FIXING.. HE DOESN'T LIKE MY TEAM!

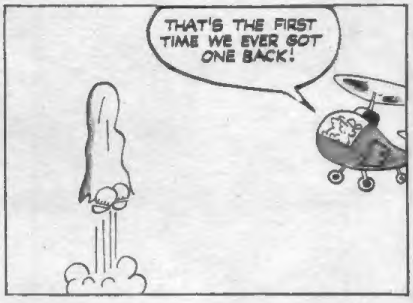
WELL YOU SENT ME HERE TO COVER THE MATCH AND COVER IT I DID... WITH ICE CREAM!
GAD! I HOPE THIS STUPID STORY DOESN'T GET IN THE PAPERS!

Don't miss Sir Dicky Spearmint and his Knights of the Square Table next week!

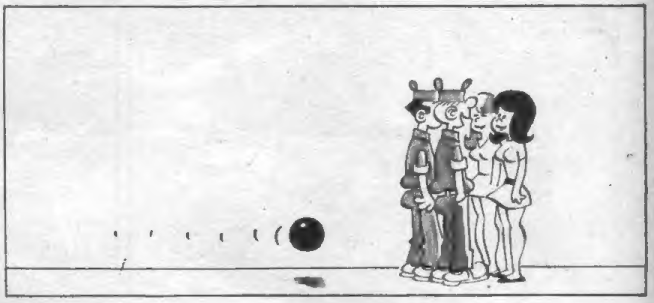
Beetle Bailey's diary

After parade I tried some parachute jumping . . .



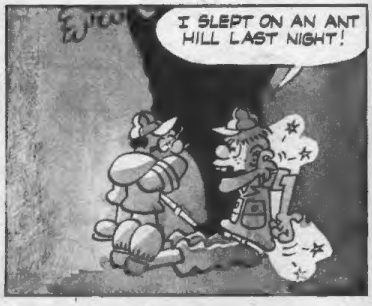


At mid-day Sarge decided to break up my bowling team . . .



In the afternoon I was forced to go on a space trip . . .

While I was in orbit the lads spent the evening chatting . . .



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More military mirth with Bailey and the boys next week!

TV Terrors

ONE DAY, OUTSIDE HOPPIT'S HOUSE...
EXCUSE ME, TERRORS! WOULD YOU MIND TELLING HOPPIT THAT HIS LITTLE NEPHEW CECIL WILL BE COMING TO SEE US TODAY!
LEAVE IT TO US, MRS. HOPPIT! WE'LL TELL HIM WHEN WE GET TO THE STUDIO!
AT THE STUDIO...
YOUR WIFE TOLD US TO TELL YOU THAT YOUR NEPHEW CECIL WILL BE VISITING YOU SOMETIME TODAY!
GOOD SHOW! I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE HE WAS A BABY!

MEANWHILE, AROUND A NEARBY CORNER...
IF CUTHBERT DRESSES UP AND PRETENDS TO BE HOPPIT'S NEPHEW WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET HOPPIT INTO LOADS OF TROUBLE WHEN HIS REAL NEPHEW TURNS UP!
GOOD IDEA!
HEH! HEH!

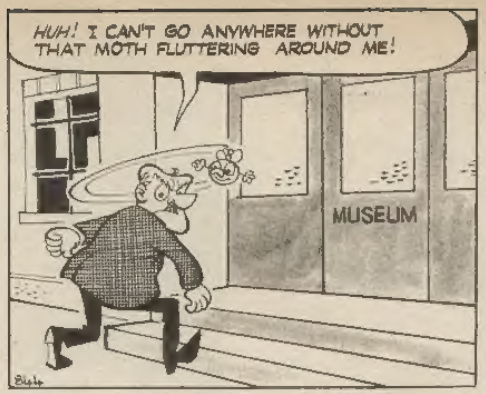
MEANWHILE, HOPPIT'S REAL NEPHEW ARRIVES AT HOPPIT'S HOUSE...
HALLO, AUNTIE!
HALLO, CECIL... I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG TO THE STUDIO! YOUR UNCLE HOPPIT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

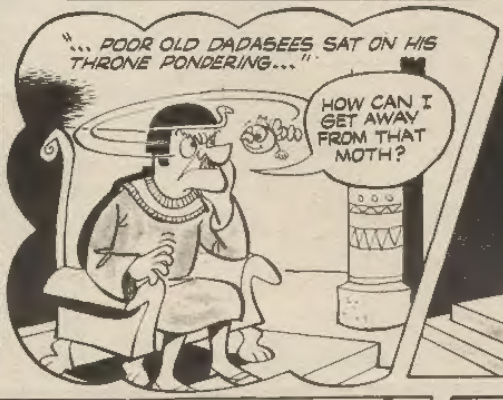
HI, UNCLE HOPPIT.. I'M YOUR NEPHEW CECIL!
HE'S AN IMPOSTER.. A SOFTY LIKE THAT COULDN'T BE A NEPHEW OF YOURS, HOPPIT!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I'LL DEAL WITH HIM!

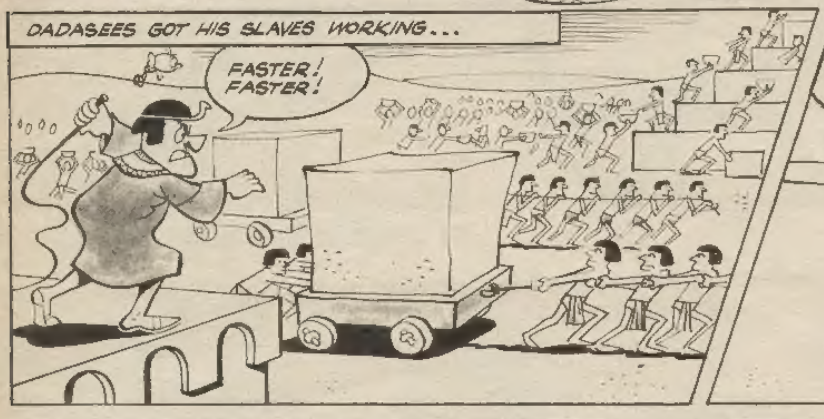
I'LL TEACH YOU TO BOOT OUR NEPHEW!
CLUMP!
THUMP!
OH, WELL, HOPPIT AND HIS REAL NEPHEW HAVE MET AT LAST AND THEY'RE HAVING A WAIL OF A TIME! HE! HE!
W-A-I-L
W-A-I-L
HO! HO!

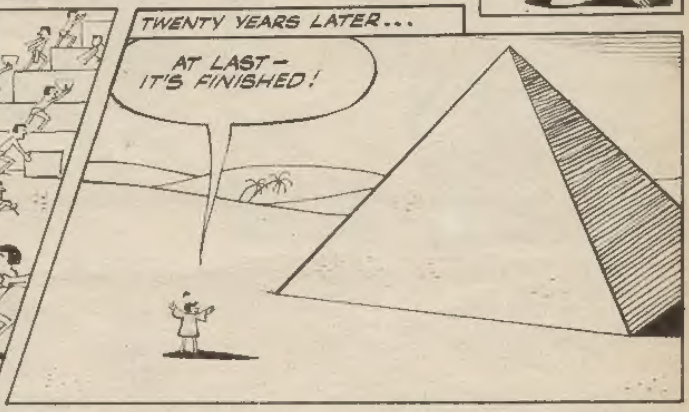
Boot versus brain again next week!

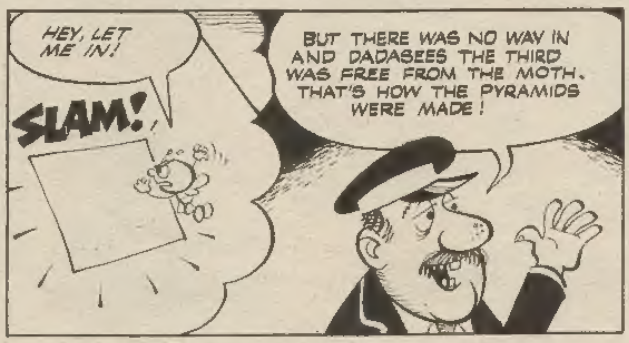
MIGHTY MOTH

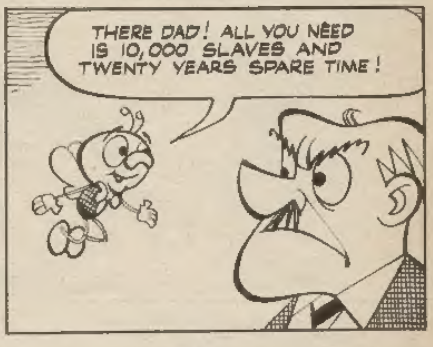


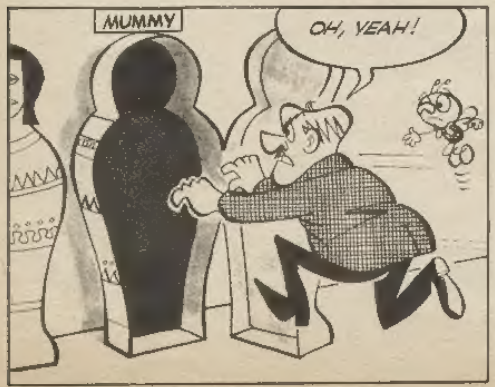








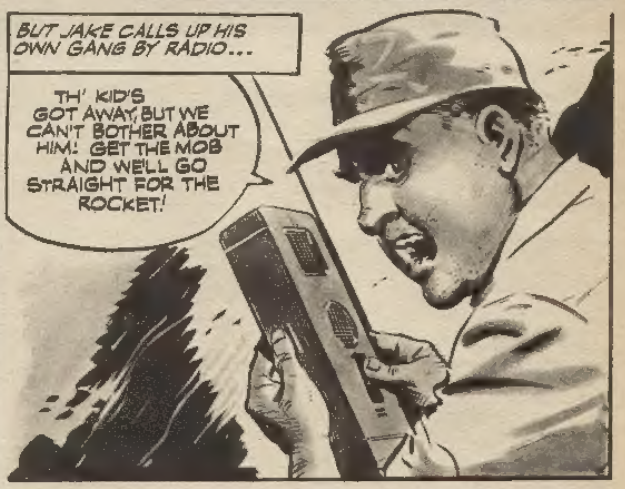




Next week, Dad gets the bird at a budgerigar show!

SKIPPY
the bush kangaroo

SONNY has been captured by foreign agents who are trying to discover the secrets of a new rocket on test from the Woomera range. Sonny calls Skippy with his special whistle, whereupon Jake, who is guarding him, raises his rifle to shoot the bush kangaroo . . .


BUT JAKE CALLS UP HIS OWN GANG BY RADIO...
TH' KID'S GOT AWAY, BUT WE CAN'T BOTHER ABOUT HIM! GET THE MOB AND WE'LL GO STRAIGHT FOR THE ROCKET!

SO...AS SONNY AND SKIPPY BOUND THROUGH THE BUSH...
HEY, KEEP DOWN, SKIP! THERE ARE MEN OVER THERE, AND THEY'RE NOT OUR FELLERS. THEY'LL SEE YOU!

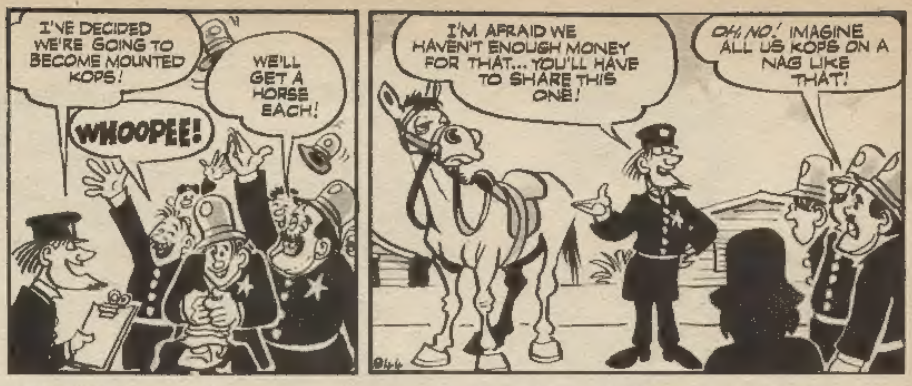
Based on the ABC Television series

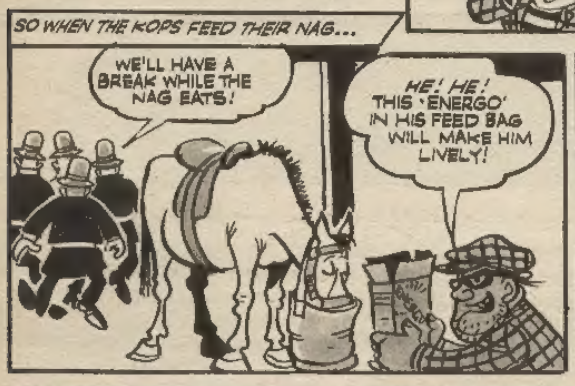
Next week Sonny and Skippy go into action! Don't miss the thrills!

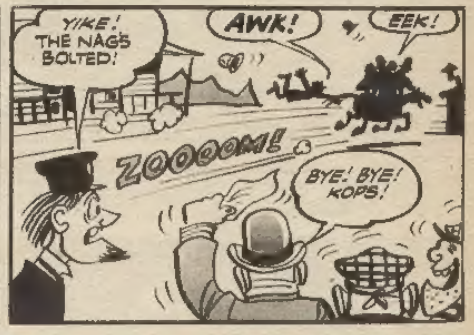
Bob Monkhouse's MAD MOVIES

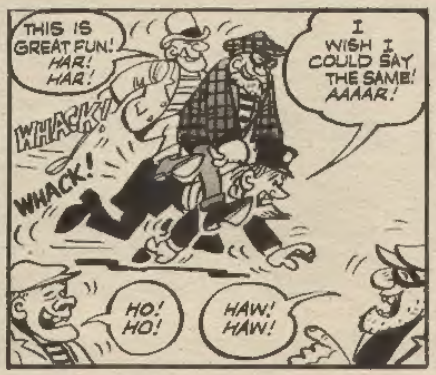
featuring

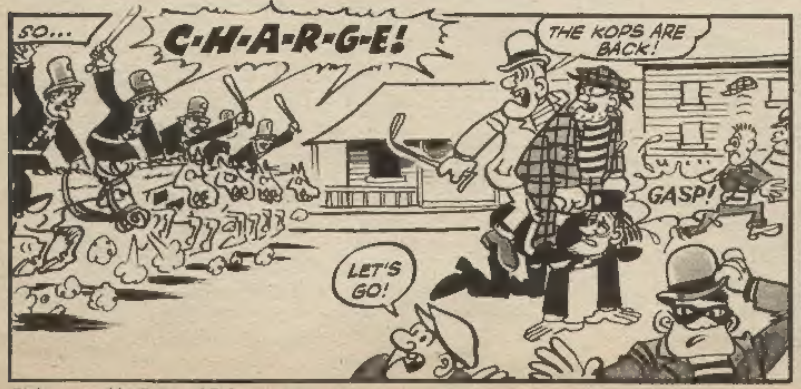
The Keystone Kops

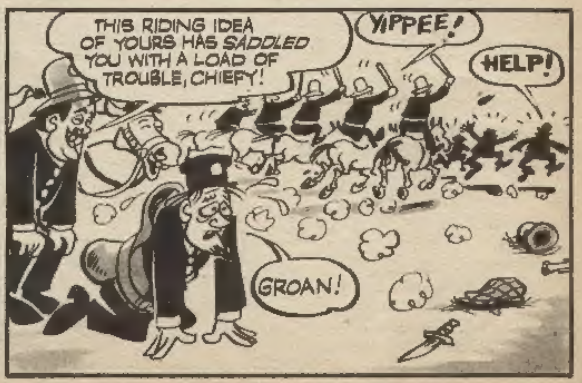

I'VE DECIDED WE'RE GOING TO BECOME MOUNTED KOPS!
WE'LL GET A HORSE EACH!
WHOOPEE!
I'M AFRAID WE HAVEN'T ENOUGH MONEY FOR THAT... YOU'LL HAVE TO SHARE THIS ONE!
OH, NO! IMAGINE ALL US KOPS ON A NAG LIKE THAT!











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Keystone Kate kauses the kackles knext week!

DOCTOR WHO

CYBERMEN in a mole-machine have stolen the Doomsday Bomb from Earth's underground weapons' store and have tunnelled into the Earth's crust with it. From deep in the ground they are threatening to detonate the bomb and destroy the population of the World if their demands are not met . . .

I'LL COLLECT JOHN AND GILLIAN... WE MUST VISIT THE COUNTRY'S MILITARY CHIEFS AND OFFER HELP!

THE SPACE TRAVELLERS ARE SOON ON THEIR WAY TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE BY HIRED CAR...

ALL SPEED MY FRIEND! MY PLAN IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH CAN RELEASE US FROM THE GRIP OF THE CYBERMEN!

OKAY, MATE... I'M DOING MY BEST!

MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE...

POSITION OF ENEMY CRAFT

THIS IS THE POSITION OF THE CYBER MOLE-MACHINE.. IT CANNOT BE BOMBED OR ATTACKED IN ANY WAY FOR FEAR OF DETONATING THE DOOMSDAY BOMB WITH OUR OWN WEAPONS!

DEEP IN THE EARTH'S CRUST, INSIDE THE CYBER MOLE-MACHINE...

I HAVE RADIOED EARTH'S MILITARY LEADERS AND TOLD THEM TO DESTROY ALL WEAPONS AND DISBAND ALL ARMIES WITHIN FIVE DAYS OR WE WILL DETONATE THE BOMB!

WITH EARTH DISARMED OUR LEGIONS WILL BE ABLE TO DESCEND ON THIS PLANET FROM OUTER SPACE AND TAKE IT WITHOUT THE DEATH OF A SINGLE C-Y-B-E-R-M-A-N!

A HOUR LATER, ON THE SURFACE...

AT LAST... THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE!

LET'S HOPE THE SERVICE CHIEFS WILL SEE US!

YOU MUST LET ME IN... I CAN BE OF VITAL ASSISTANCE IN THE CYBERMEN CRISIS!

HMM! IS THAT SO? WELL YOU WAIT HERE AND I'LL ASK INSIDE! FRANKLY I DON'T THINK THEY'LL SEE YOU THOUGH, SIR!

SO...

ER, EXCUSE ME... THERE'S A STRANGE FELLOW OUTSIDE SAYS HE THINKS HE CAN HELP!

DOES HE? BETTER SEND HIM IN BECAUSE I'M BLOWED IF WE CAN THINK OF ANYTHING OTHER THAN DOING WHAT THE CYBERMEN HAVE TOLD US TO DO!

THE DOCTOR IS SHOWN IN...

HALLO, GENTLEMEN... EXCUSE MY INTRUSION BUT I THINK I MAY HAVE THE ANSWER TO YOUR PROBLEM!

LET'S HEAR IT, MAN... WE'RE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS!

OBVIOUSLY THE USE OF POWERFUL WEAPONS IS OUT... BUT I WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A SMALL COMMANDO FORCE ALONG THIS TUNNEL ARMED WITH SOME ANTI-CYBERMEN WEAPONS LIKE THIS RAY GUN!

NOT A BAD IDEA... BUT WHAT ARE ANTI-CYBERMEN WEAPONS?

YES... WHAT CAN A TOY LIKE THAT DO?

YOU'RE QUITE MAD, BUT WE'LL LET YOU TRY YOUR SCHEME!

THIS, MY FRIENDS IS WHAT MY TOY GUN CAN DO... AND WITH THE PLAN I HAVE SUGGESTED WE CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE CYBERMEN TO USE IT!

THE SERVICE CHIEFS CO-OPERATE AND THE DOCTOR IS GIVEN HIS SMALL COMMANDO FORCE...

THE CYBER MOLE-MACHINE WAS LAST SEEN CHURNING THROUGH THIS WALL, SO WE'LL FOLLOW THE TUNNEL ALONG UNTIL WE SPOT IT!

GOOD LUCK! THE FATE OF EARTH IS IN YOUR HANDS!

TAKE CARE!

AS SOON AS THE CYBER CRAFT IS SPOTTED I WANT YOU ALL FLATTENED AGAINST THE WALL OF THE TUNNEL!

I'M SCARED, DOCTOR... THERE'S SO MUCH AT STAKE!

HOURS LATER...

THERE'S THE MACHINE! MAINTAIN ABSOLUTE SILENCE AS WE APPROACH IT!

THE CYBERMEN ARE BOUND TO HAVE A VIDEO SCREEN WHICH ENABLES THEM TO SEE ALONG THE TUNNEL... WE'LL BE SEEN, I KNOW IT!

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How to make a lifelike spider!

YOU need clay, rubber bands, liquid wax, scissors, paint.

Make a ball with the clay for the body, and flatten slightly at the bottom. Pull out a small piece at one end for the head. Cut four rubber bands in half to make eight pieces for the legs. Press these legs into the body, four on each side. Cut another rubber band in half to make one long piece. Press one end into the top of the body.

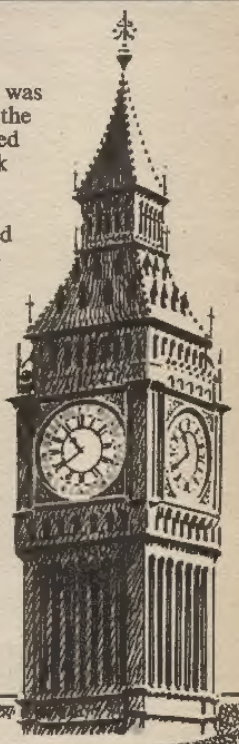
When the spider is dry, paint the body yellow, and then put black bands around the body, and features on the head. Then finally pour liquid wax over. Hold one end of the long rubber band on top, and you can bounce the spider up and down.

How old is Big Ben?

BIG BEN is nearly 109 years old, and was placed in position in May 1859, when the present Houses of Parliament were erected by a building constructor called Frederick Dent.

When it was first tried out, the bell cracked under the poundings of the 8 cwt. hour-striking hammer, and it was found that the weight of the hands was too great to let the clock start! They weighed 2½ tons and had to be reduced by a ton. The bell had to be re-cast and the hammer reduced in weight by half. Three months later in July 1859 the hours were first struck, and in the following September, the chimes were introduced.

The actual bell was named 'Big Ben' when it was brought from the foundry in Whitechapel.

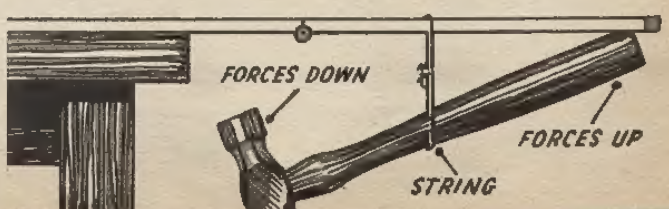


How a stone enabled scholars to read ancient Egyptian writings

THIS stone which was found at Rosetta in Egypt by one of Napoleon's officers in 1799 is now in the British Museum. It dates nearly 200 years before the birth of Christ, it is called the Rosetta stone. On it is inscribed the same story in three different forms of writing, only one of which was known. Another was ancient Egyptian, and from the key supplied by the known writing, scholars were able to read the strange form of picture writing left by the ancient Egyptians.

How to balance a hammer on a carpenter's folding rule?

PLACE the rule over the edge of a table so that it will fold and collapse downwards if pressure is put on it. Now, how can you balance a hammer on this so that it won't collapse? You require a rule, a hammer and a piece of string. Method, see below.



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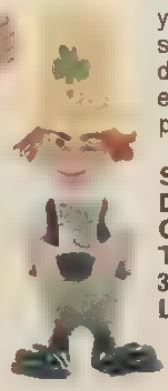

Each winner will receive either a model Diddyman (6 inches tall) or a Ken Dodd glove puppet. All entries must reach us not later than Monday, 19th February, 1968. The Editor's decision is final.

BASIL BRUSH
PHEW!... IF I HAD ANY MONEY I WOULD JOLLY WELL PAY SOMEBODY TO DO THIS!
'OME OF BASIL BRUSH!... JUST THE PLACE FOR YOU TO GET A JOB, CHUMLEY!
BRUSH MANOR residence of BASIL BRUSH
STICK NO BILLS
HE'S BROKE ANYWAY!
OH, DEAR! I HOPE THIS ISN'T SOMEONE WANTING MONEY!
RING-RING RING
'MORNING, MASTER BASIL — MY NAME'S CHUMLEY!
WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLING I CAN'T AFFORD IT!
I'M GOING TO BE YOUR NEW VALET, GUV!
OH, NO! YOU'RE JOLLY WELL NOT!
WE'LL SEE MASTER BASIL ... HA! HA!
CLEVER OLD BASIL! THAT FIXED HIM, VALET INDEED! HAW! HAW! HAW!
SLAM!
BUT YOU NEED A VALET... AND I'M VERY HANDY TOO!
YOU CERTAINLY ARE! LET GO OF MY JOLLY OLD BRUSH!
CHUMLEY, OLD CHAPPIE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SQUEEZE THROUGH THAT! HAW! HAW! HAW!
NICE AS IT MIGHT BE, NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAVE A VALET..
OOOOOO - OH! EEERRRRR!
LOOK OUT, SIR...
SLIP!
OH! THE INDIGNITY OF IT ALL!
CRASH!
BUT LATER...
I SAID YOU NEEDED A VALET, MASTER BASIL!
YOU WIN, CHUMLEY, OLD CHAP! BESIDES - YOU MAKE SUCH JOLLY GOOD COCOA. HAW! HAW! HAW!

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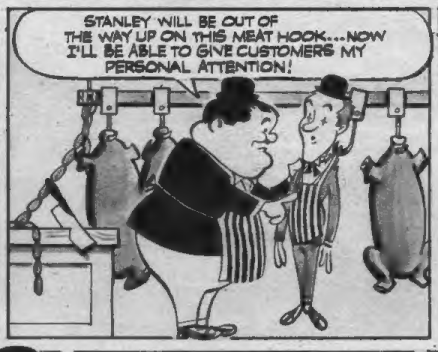
Larry Harmon's Laurel & Hardy

OLLIE AND STANLEY HAVE LANDED JOBS WORKING IN A BUTCHER'S SHOP...
BUSINESS IS REALLY BAD.. IF THE MANAGER COMES BACK AND FINDS WE HAVEN'T SOLD ANY MEAT WE'LL GET FIRED!

I'LL CLOBBER YOU WITH THIS LEG OF LAMB FOR THAT, MUTTON HEAD!
OH, PLEASE DON'T, OLLIE, SOB!
BAH! I'M FED UP WITH THIS.. I'LL GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!



SO.. EXAMINE THE MEAT, MADAM... I WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY WITH WHAT YOU BUY!
I WANT A NICE SIDE OF BEEF FOR A SPECIAL LUNCHEON I HAVE TO PREPARE!

A LITTLE LATER...
BOY! OUR CHOP-THROWING BATTLE HAS REALLY BOOSTED TRADE!
LET'S HOPE THE MANAGER IS PLEASED WITH OUR JOINT EFFORTS AND GIVES US A BEEFY PAY PACKET! HA! HA!

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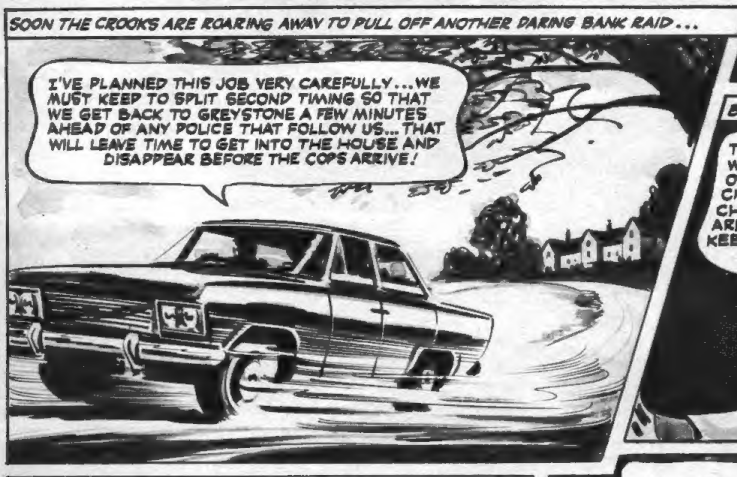
Another funny tale next week when Ollie and Stan take a dog for a walk!

ORLANDO

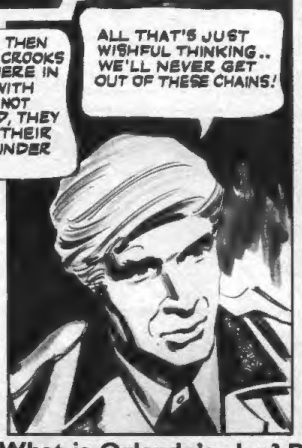
THE police do not believe Orlando's story of how bank raiders escaped into a strange, disappearing house. However, the crime-fighters keep a watch on the house and after some while their patience is rewarded as it lifts out of the ground. Orlando and Steve are unaware that the crooks inside have spotted them . . .

A LITTLE LATER, INSIDE THE HOUSE...
THESE TWO WON'T BE GOING ANYWHERE ... EVEN BOLT CUTTERS COULDN'T FREE THEM FROM THESE CHAINS!
THE SAFE-BLOWING GEAR IS NEARLY PACKED... ONE OF YOU HAD BETTER GO AND PINCH A CAR FOR THIS NEXT JOB!


SOON THE CROOKS ARE ROARING AWAY TO PULL OFF ANOTHER DARING BANK RAID...
I'VE PLANNED THIS JOB VERY CAREFULLY... WE MUST KEEP TO SPLIT SECOND TIMING SO THAT WE GET BACK TO GREYSTONE A FEW MINUTES AHEAD OF ANY POLICE THAT FOLLOW US... THAT WILL LEAVE TIME TO GET INTO THE HOUSE AND DISAPPEAR BEFORE THE COPS ARRIVE!

BACK INSIDE THE CONTROL ROOM OF THE HOUSE ...
THIS IS A NICE MESS.. WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THESE CHAINS AND THOSE CHARMING RAIDERS AREN'T GOING TO KEEP US ALIVE FOREVER!
WE MAY HAVE ONE CHANCE!

THAT BIG LEVER OVER THERE IS PROBABLY THE ONE WHICH OPERATES THE HOUSE.. IF ONE OF US COULD PUSH IT INTO THE 'LOWER' POSITION IT WOULD SINK THIS PLACE INTO THE GROUND!
I GET IT... THEN WHEN THE CROOKS RETURN HERE IN A HURRY WITH THE COPS NOT FAR BEHIND, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE INTO THEIR HOUSE BECAUSE IT WILL BE UNDER THE GROUND!
RAISE
LOWER



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What is Orlando's plan? Don't miss the thrills next week!

TV COMIC presents...
POPEYE
OOPH! ERK! YOUCH!
THUD
THAT'LL TEACH YOU TO PICK A FIGHT WIT' ME!
GROAN! POPEYE ALWAYS GETS THE BETTER OF ME... IT AIN'T FAIR!
I'LL GO TO A SELF-DEFENCE SCHOOL AND PICK UP A FEW TIPS! POPEYE WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!
SO, A LITTLE LATER...
I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO FIGHT BETTER!
3 STAGE SELF DEFENCE COURSE
HAH SO! WE TEACH YOU SELF-DEFENCE IN THREE STAGES!
YEAARGH!
STAGE ONE IS JUDO!
A LITTLE LATER...
I'M GETTING THE HANG OF JUDO NOW, TEACHER!
YES, YOU VELLY GOOD AT IT! NOW WE GO ON TO STAGE TWO!
STAGE TWO IS KARATE! THE KARATE TEACHER WILL TAKE OVER FROM ME NOW!
OKAY!
LEARNIN' IS A PAINFUL BUSINESS! OOH! ARG!
CHOPPEE! CHIPPEE!
BRUTUS SOON PICKS UP KARATE...
CHOPPEE!
NOW YOU READY FOR STAGE THREE!
VELLY GOOD!
STAGE THREE IS THE FINAL AND MOST IMPORTANT STAGE.. THE ART OF THE PUNCH-UP! YOUR TEACHER WILL BE THE WORLD'S GREATEST PUNCHER-UPPER!
IS THAT SO? WHO IS HE?
FOR A SHORT SEASON ONLY, POPEYE IS TAKING OUR PUNCH-UP CLASSES!
OH, NO!
I'LL SOON TEACH YA SOME SELF-DEFENCE, BRUTUS! ARF! ARF!
OOPH! IF THIS COURSE GOES ON MUCH LONGER I WON'T HAVE ANY SELF LEFT TO DEFEND! AWF!

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Brutus buys a car next week and drives Popeye to desperate measures!